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**Advisory Action**

Application No.

09/997,893

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 07 September 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.  
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:  
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);  
(c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
4. ☒ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) 3, 10, and 14 (as well as those claims which depend upon the same for which there are no issues regarding 112, second paragraph) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.  
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.  
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

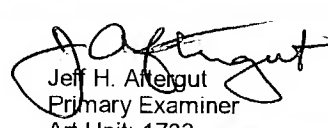
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) objected to: 3-6, 10-12 and 14.

Claim(s) rejected: 2, 7-9, 16-25, and 33-36.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.  
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Primary Examiner  
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: Note that the proposed amendment to claim 8 does not place the application in better form for appeal as the 112 issue has not been resolved. There is no "continuous LOOP" defined in claims 7, 35, 34, or 33 from which this claim depends. As previously noted "said" should be changed to --a-- in order to resolve this problem as previously suggested. Additionally, note that while applicant's response states that claim 16 has been amended in accordance with the examiner's suggestions, no change to claim 16 has been provided in the response. Additionally regarding claim 8, it is not clear what the continuous loop having a mold surface is (i.e. there is no antecedent basis for the same).

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant has failed to present any convincing argument and/or evidence as to why the examiner's discussion of Venus-Gusmer in paragraph 7 of the last Office action is not prior art under 35 USC 102. Additionally as explained in detail in paragraph 7 of the last Office action, the presentation of plural molds in a side by side fashion along with a continuous sheet of mylar material is the presentation of a "continuous mold surface" inasmuch as this is what applicant's themselves employed as the mold surface. If applicant wishes to claim the continuous loop of linked material then such should be recited in the claim, otherwise the claim is not commensurate in scope with the argument..